



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5631***

LCO No. 2281

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL  
DEFIBRILLATORS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public  
2       Health shall evaluate emergency medical services in the state and  
3       conduct a needs assessment to: (1) Identify placement and use of  
4       automatic external defibrillators within the emergency medical  
5       services system; (2) establish guidelines for providing emergency  
6       medical services during mass gatherings, as described in section 19a-  
7       436 of the general statutes; and (3) review existing laws and  
8       regulations to identify conflicting and ambiguous issues, including the  
9       meaning of public access defibrillation.

10       (b) On or before January 1, 2006, the commissioner shall report, in  
11       accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
12       standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
13       matters relating to public health regarding the findings of the needs  
14       assessment conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

***Statement of Purpose:***

To consider and recommend how best to use automatic external defibrillators in ways that will increase survival of cardiac events.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*